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Response to Notice of Allowability and Comments on Statement
of Reasons for Allowance

Sir:

A newly executed declaration from the inventor was filed on March 15, 2006.

Regarding the examiner's reasons for allowance, the examiner cites many claim limitations in his reasons. The claims are entitled to the broadest reasonable interpretation; including equivalents. Thus, for purposes of the doctrine of equivalents, the claims should include equivalents to the limitations explicitly mentioned by the examiner in his reasons for allowance. If the examiner has not been giving the claim language the broadest reasonable interpretation (including equivalents), than the examiner should address this issue further.

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Should any unresolved issue remain, the examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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